IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit: 1615

Examiner: CHANNAVAJJALA, LAKSHMI SARADA

Title: METHOD FOR TREATING

HYPERLIPIDEMIA WITH INTERMEDIATE RELEASE

NICOTINIC ACID COMPOSITIONS

HAVING UNIQUE BIOPHARMACEUTICAL CHARACTERISTICS

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

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Applicant(s): Eugenio A. Cefali

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In response to the non-final office action mailed on April 3, 2009 (the "Office Action"), please consider the remarks below in accordance with the Rules of Practice. Submitted herewith is a petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and the \$1110 fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). No other fees are believed to be due in connection with filing this paper, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any necessary fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1662, referencing the docket number above.

Remarks begin at page 2 of this response.